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News Notes

Financial Aid

Financial aid has moved from Campus Center to bungalow 13 / 14 as of May 10.

Women and Astronomy

The Los Angeles Valley College Astronomy Club is presenting, "Women and Astronomy," in the planetarium on Friday, May 20, at 8 p.m. For further information call (818) 781-1200 ext 335.

Quake Relief

A car wash and rummage sale sponsored by the Red Cross will be Saturday May, 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Los Angeles Valley College.

Playboy Jazz Festival

Playboy Jazz festival presents its annual "L.A. Valley College Concert on the Quad," Sunday May 15. For further information contact Nina Gordon, Public Relations (310) 478-0343.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

Speaker Annette Peterson from the Sexually Transmitted Disease Program will be in Monarch Hall Room 203 Wednesday, May 18 at 2 p.m.

Depression Screening

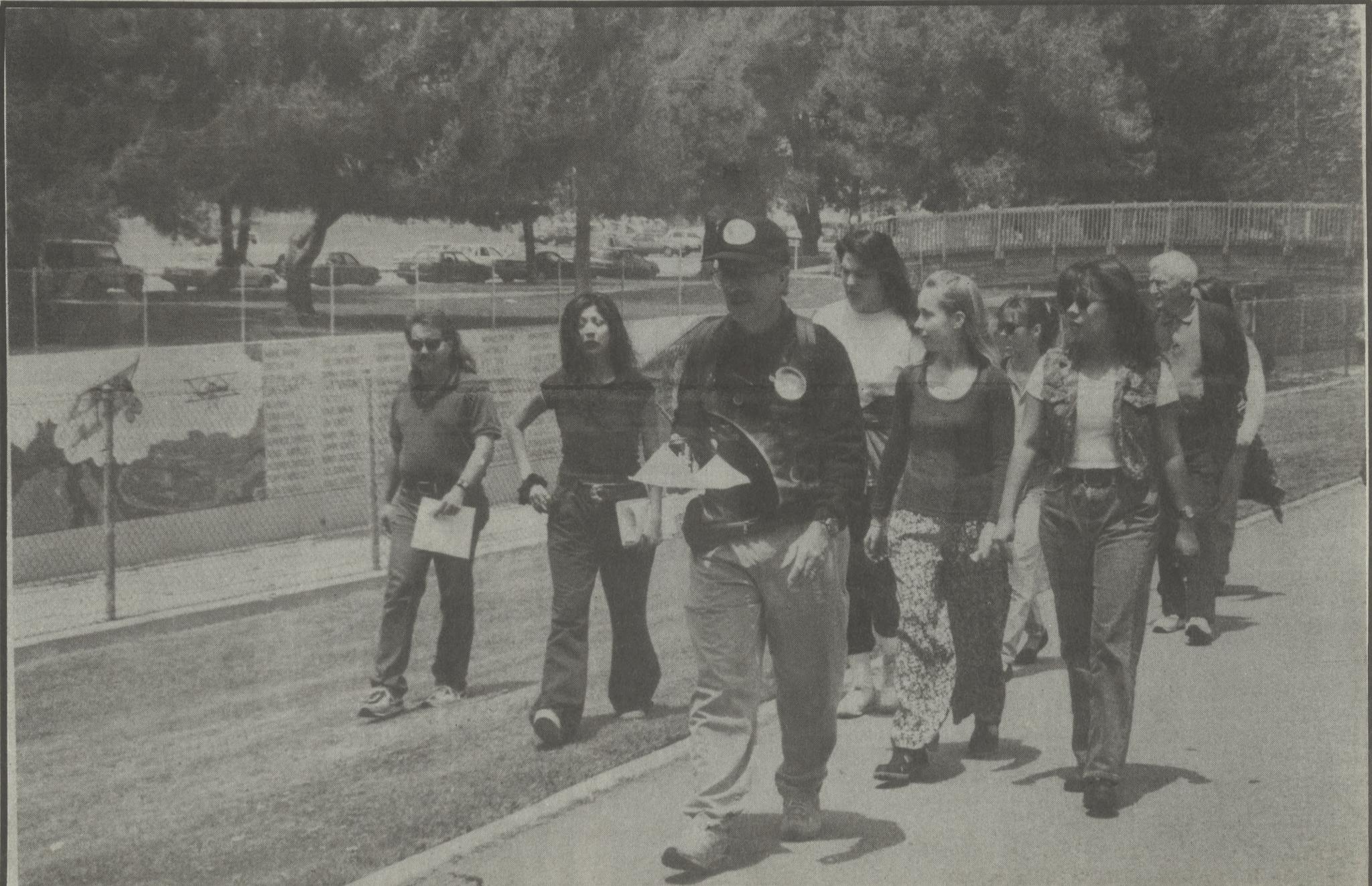
Wednesday, May 18 in the Health Center is depression screening. For more information contact the Health Center.

Campus Concerts

LAVC choir and chamber singers perform in the Music Recital Hall Thursday, May 12 at 11 a.m. There will also be a concert featuring international artists on Thursday, May 12 at 8 p.m.

Hillel at Valley

Hillel cordially invites you to their semi-annual Jewish Faculty-Staff Luncheon on Wednesday May, 25 from 12:45 - 2 p.m. in the Cafeteria Conference Room. A seven dollar contribution is requested. Please make reservations by Thursday, May 19 by contacting Hillel at (818) 887-5001.



VINCENT NICHOLETTI/Valley Star

Richard Raskoff leads his geography class on a walking tour which included a view of the great wall, a half mile-long mural inside the wash bordering Coldwater Canyon.

New editor in chief brings better communication for Fall semester

By Robert Finkel
Valley Star Staff Writer

Department. She will be graduating at the end of next semester and transferring to the University of Southern California.

"My biggest goal, as editor in chief is getting information out to the students. I plan on doing this by creating a better network be-

tween our information sources and writers."

Salamone wants to enlarge the pool of writers by reaching out to other departments. "Specifically the English department. There's a lot of untapped potential in this school and I intend to take advantage of that."

Salamone has been a student of the Journalism program at Valley for a year and a half. During her first semester in the department she was editor in chief of Crown Magazine, Valley's biannual publication. In the fall of 1993 Salamone served as Feature editor on the Valley Star. "I learned about the need to be prepared and to always look ahead."

This semester Salamone served as managing editor on the Valley Star. "The position of managing editor gave me a better overall view of each page, to see how the paper works as a whole."

This semester's Editor in Chief, Amanda L. Duchow said, "Sandra is a good choice for the job. It requires a certain kind of firmness. You've got to have a thick skin. I think she realizes this and is going into this position with her eyes wide open. I think we have both learned a lot from each other."

After finishing her education Salamone would like to take her experience in the field of Journalism and create a small town "throw away" paper, similar to Calabasas' The Acorn. "I like the idea of being a big fish in a little community. Small communities really rely on small town publications." said Salamone.

That same idea of working in a community is one of Salamone's goals for the Valley Star. "After all, Valley College is like a small community. I absolutely love doing this, and I want to see that Valley, as a community, is covered to the best of our ability."

Honor Society Donates to the Red Cross

By Sal Chavez
Valley Star Staff Writer

Tau Alpha Epsilon (TAE), Valley's honor society, raised \$726.10 for the Red Cross from the proceeds from a quake relief rummage sale held here on campus April 16. The check was presented to Micheal Abramson, a Red Cross representative, last Monday, May 9 at a TAE meeting.

All of the clothes and merchandise sold at the rummage sale were donated by students, faculty, and TAE members. Donations from community businesses were tax deductible.

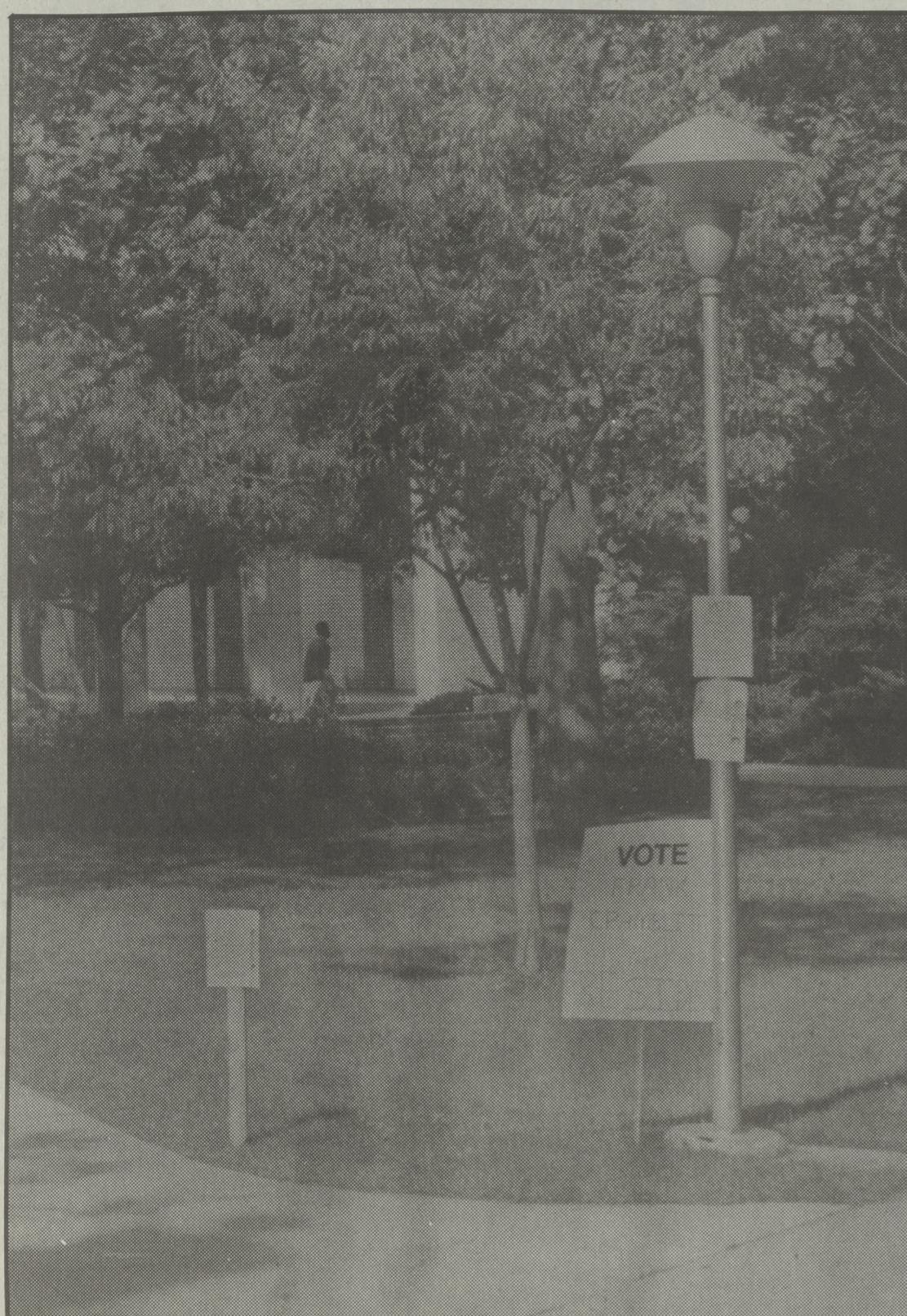
Abramson in turn awarded three pins to members that read "Save the Day," the Red Cross slogan for recruiting community involvement in quake relief. Pins went to Lori Daney, chairperson of rummage sale; Shunsuke Ueno, TAE treasurer; and Laurie Roberts, president of TAE. The members were recognized for their work in putting the sale together.

Roberts said, "It's important, that as the school's best and brightest achievers, that we give back to the community. No matter how much money we raise or how many hours we invest in events, nothing can match the feeling of helping someone that needs a hand."

Roberts also said that TAE is considering donating this semester's scholarship fund to Children of the Night, an organization that helps run-a-ways, or Valley Colleges' Learning Center.



DARYL GLINN/Valley Star



GREGORY NELSON/Valley Star

ASU: new and improved, or just the same old gas?

By S.L. SALAMONE
Editor-In-Chief

Out with the old, in with the new, only it's not new, and the student body winds-up with the same old gas. I'm talking about the ASU again, and yes I'm talking about not following the rules again. When does it stop?

The election and subsequent run-off election in the past two weeks for new ASU officers was tainted due to the illegal posting of election campaign posters. Two of the posting rules, which are many and very restrictive, state that posters may not be posted on light poles or painted surfaces.

Now before I lose you, it's not the posting that I'm talking about, it's the blatant disregard for the rules that bugs me. There's no point in having rules if you're going to break them, and certainly if the rules are too many or too restrictive the ASU has the legal ability, no wait, the legal right, to deal with them.

Infact, it's the right of the student body to demand that laws and rules be passed to facilitate the governing of itself. If the rules are too restrictive then amend them, change them, make them work, and then stick to them. There can be no respect for a student government that has no respect for the

laws it makes. Ah, I hear a cry, it's so late in the semester you say. You have no more time to vote or energy to campaign again, just get on with it you say, and the one I like best, no one really cares anyway. Well, I care, and if I care there must be others that feel the same.

At the ASU Executive Council meeting on May 3 the motion to hold the elections again was voted on by the council, and killed 9 to 5. I say, more than a motion was killed with that vote.

Call it Exxon or call it Esso, it's still the same old gas. Here we go again.

Editor's Note:

In past issues of the Valley Star there have been errors made regarding the spelling of Jeanne Polak's name as well as an error in her title. Polak is a Professor of Family and Consumer Studies, Staff Diversity, Chair. The Valley Star would like to apologize for any inconvenience to Ms. Polak or to her department.

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The Valley Star welcomes letters from its readers. Letters will be published whenever possible. The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be typed and be limited to 250 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic, religious, sexist, or sexually oriented denigrations. All letters must be signed and include students ID number, major, and a telephone number for verification purposes. Letters may be dropped in the Valley Star mail box at Bungalow 25, by Monday morning for the following Thursday's publication.

Editorial

Pay increase; more neglect for education?

How many students are feeling an ache in their bank accounts or wallets? How about 37%? Sacramento has done it again! California Legislators are scheduled to receive 37% pay increase starting December, 1994. That means the lowest paid law maker who earns \$52,000 a year can expect to receive approximately \$71,000 in 1995.

Only Senator Tom Hayden said that he will refuse the raise.

The excuse given by those who will take the money is that they did not vote for this payraise; that a commission voted for the increase. They claim that if they do not accept the raise that the money will revert to the speakers of the Assembly or Senate. Another excuse is that the money is not coming from the taxpayers, but from a special fund. The question is: How does California have extra money in a special fund if this state is in such a financial crisis?

Hayden said that he plans to donate his salary raise to a scholarship fund for poor college students. He could not justify taking a salary increase when the state is cutting the budget on social services to the poor and education.

The Valley Star commends Senator Hayden for his ethics in this matter. We also recommend that other State legislators follow Hayden's lead and act with a social conscience. Many law makers have expounded their support for education and keeping college tuition affordable especially in the community colleges. We say let them put their money where their mouths are.

The Valley Star encourages Valley College students, faculty and staff to contact their local representatives and voice their opinion on this subject. It is a novel idea and an opportunity for our representatives to recycle desperately needed funds into their districts.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

I was disappointed to read your editorial indicting and convicting elected officers of ASU and candidates for office of ASU. You are correct in your assessment of "public trust" in politics, however, trust is a two-sided coin. We also need to have trust that our journalists report accurately and use the power of the press with the same requirements placed upon politicians. Your accusations, your indictments and your rush to judgment resulted in a highly inaccurate editorial.

Let us set the record straight.

The Washington, DC trip has been and is being investigated by both the ASU and the administration. There were errors but there is no evidence of any personal gain. In hindsight, it would have been more prudent if only three or four representatives would have gone instead of six. However, it took place during a period of time when ASU was without an assigned administrative advisor who might have persuaded the student to re-evaluate their decision.

As to your allegation of election rules violations, consider the following. Most of these rules are archaic residuals from an earlier age when the community colleges were part of the Los Angeles Unified School District. There were initiated at time when there was no shared governance; when college students were told exactly how to behave; when college students had an extremely limited role in forming policy that affected their own segment of governance. Most of these rules limit the placement of poster, tearing down or defacing of posters, and the limitation placed on a

candidate to speak to a class for no more than two minutes and to obtain written approval from the instructor 24 hours in advance. The rules require that the candidate who has obtained permission from a faculty member, to inform his opposition of the two-minute speech and the opposition candidate must also have the right to speak to that class. We are looking at these rules and we are planning to use the process of shared governance to make changes that will give students the right to conduct a logical and ethical campaign.

Your statement that "the administration is sending a message to us that they support anarchy and non-rules" is blatantly inaccurate. If a Valley Star representative had attended ASU Council meetings, Senate Meetings and Finance Committee meetings you would know that not a session took place that we did not discuss adhering to rules and ethics in our approach to student government. Not a meeting went by that we did not discuss the fact that any expenditure of student body funds must be in accordance with the rules and in the best interest of the student body and college. Not a finance meeting went by that we did not scrutinize the transfer or expenditure of funds. Not an ASU meeting went by that we did not discuss the need to get our requests done on time.

Yet understand that student politicians are not professional politicians. By implication you compare your elected student representative to Nixon and Watergate. You use the words "unethical, money laundering, burglary, bribes, misuse of funds, election rule violations." You compare the behavior of professional

full-time politicians, many of whom were convicted felons to the behavior of your student representatives, students who give an inordinate amount of their time, without pay, and most of the time without thanks, to serve the student of this college.

Furthermore, it is untrue that students resigned from office or were disqualified because of their complicity in the Washington DC trip — or that they were mystically reinstated. Any disqualification to hold office resulted from the enforcement of the regulations stated in Board Rules, Chapter 9, E-22. No student, who was disqualified because of E-22 regulations, was reinstated. (One student who was disqualified under E-22 regulations, corrected the problem, applied to run for his position in a legal special election, and was overwhelmingly elected. Since a disqualification under E-22 might involve a student's academic record, it is a confidential matter.)

In conclusion, student government is not a full-time activity or profession. It is a part-time educational experience for students who are learning how to govern. It is inevitable that mistakes will occur. However, it is from the awareness of those mistakes that your student representatives take ethical corrective action. In the short time that I have served as administrative advisor, I have found your ASU and club representatives to be highly competent, dedicated to service, hard working and committed to ethics in student government.

Sam Mayo
Dean, Student Services
(Due to its content, this letter was printed in its entirety.)

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE
Thursday, May 19, 1994 to Friday, May 27, 1994

Except for classes of less-than-semester length, LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION FOR ALL CLASSES, DAY AND EVENING is Wednesday, May 18, 1994.

Classes which meet only one day per week (modular classes) will have their finals at the first regular class meeting after May 18.

Classes of less-than-semester length will have their final exams at the last meeting of the class.

Evening classes (those meeting after 4:00 PM) will have their final exams as follows:

Monday Classes: May 23

Tuesday Classes: May 24

Wednesday Classes: May 25

Thursday Classes: May 19

Final examinations MUST BE HELD ON THE DAY AND TIME SCHEDULED and in regularly assigned classrooms. The date of the final examination is determined by the FIRST DAY and the FIRST HOUR a class meets.

To use the schedule below, locate the day and hour of your class on the grid.

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FINAL ON	FRI May 27 8-10 am	THURS May 26 8-10 am	MON May 23 8-10 am	TUES May 24 8-10 am	FRI May 20 8-10 am	THURS May 19 8-10 am	WED May 25 10:30 am- 12:30 pm	THURS May 26 10:30 am- 12:30 pm	MON May 23 10:30 am- 12:30 pm	THURS May 19 10:30 am- 12:30 pm
CLASSES MEETING ON	12 Noon & 12:30 PM M or W OR F	12 Noon & 12:30 PM T or TH	1 PM & 1:30 M or W OR F	1 PM & 1:30 T or TH	2 PM & 2:30 M or W OR F	2 PM & 2:30 T or TH	3 PM & 3:30 M or W OR F	3 PM & 3:30 T or TH	ALL SATURDAY CLASSES	SAT May 21 SAME TIME AS CLASS
FINAL ON	FRI May 20 10:30 am- 12:30 pm	TUES May 24 10:30 am- 12:30 pm	WED May 25 1-3 pm	THURS May 19 1-3 pm	MON May 23 1-3 pm	TUES May 24 1-3 pm	FRI May 20 1-3 pm	THURS May 26 1-3 pm	SAT May 21 SAME TIME AS CLASS	



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Playboy Jazz Festival sponsors free concert at Monarch Quad

Event will be held this Sunday at 2 p.m.

Pack a picnic and party when the Playboy Jazz Festival presents an afternoon of jazz at its annual "L.A. Valley College Concert on the Quad." This free concert will feature the sounds of Dan Siegel, Michael Wolff and The Nedra Wheeler Group at L.A. Valley College on Sunday, May 15th at 2 p.m.

Dan Siegel, whose latest album, "Going Home," has captured the attention of critics and audiences for its eclectic mix of styles.

Michael Wolff, well known for leading Arsenio Hall's "Posse"

(band), offers a contemporary approach to his jazz.

Wrapping up the afternoon concert will be Nedra Wheeler. Wheeler, one in a handful of female band leaders in the country, has been playing in jazz clubs all over the world with a universal sound. Wheeler has worked with some of the most prestigious artists of our time, including Ella Fitzgerald, Branford Marsalis, and Bob Dylan.

Currently heard on her CD "Gifts," Wheeler's music is also heard on the soundtracks of several popular motion pictures, including "Menace II Society" and "Malcolm X."

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Michael Wolff from Arsenio Hall will perform Sunday

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For more information concerning this event, or any of the other

free community concerts sponsored by the Playboy Jazz Festival, contact the Festival Hotline during regular business hours Monday through Friday at 310-449-4070.

Calendar

Music:

Today-LAVC College Choir & Chamber Singers, George Attarian & Dianne Wintrob, Conductors, Music Recital Hall 11 a.m.

Tonight-International artists Agustin Murari, guitar and Michael Kevin Jones, cello. Music Recital Hall 8 p.m.

Monday, May 16-LAVC Jazz Ensemble, Woody James Director, Music Room 112, 12 noon.

also LAVC Wind Ensemble, Irvin Pope Conductor, Little Theatre, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17-LAVC Philharmonic Choir Spring Concert, George Attarian Conductor, Little Theatre, 8 p.m.

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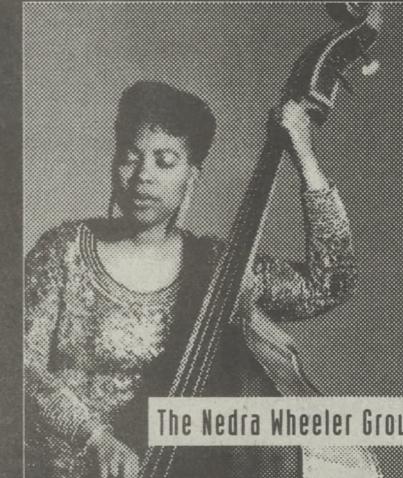
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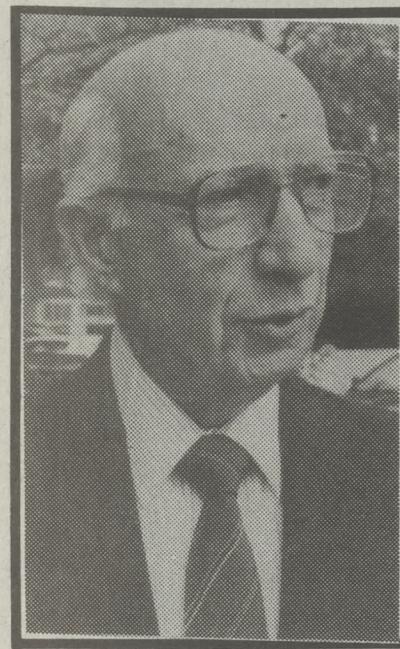
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Alec Bloom, Graduate this May

By JEANETTE GOLDBERG
Valley Star Staff Writer

Legacies are often associated with inheritance and money. Society has expanded it to athletics, accomplishments, being the first or best in something. Legacies are left for families or team mates to share or remind them of someone who stood out from the crowd. With graduation two weeks away a legacy fulfilling a lifelong dream will be sealed. It will be shared at Commencement and by those who have had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of a very special person.

"He is so special and such an inspiration to me and others in our class," Jennifer Karr, Valley College student says. The man she speaks of is Alec Bloom.

Bloom returned to school after his wife of 59 years passed

Alec Bloom's Commencement Draws Enthusiasm

years after leaving high school, after co-raising two children, five grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, he will get his degree in Jewish studies. Graduate with honors maintaining a 3.73 GPA. And will be one of the speakers at Valley College's 1994 Commencement on May 22.

Bloom was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. His parents were immigrants from the Ukraine, their lives replicate the "Fiddler on the Roof" story. His mother worked sewing buttons onto shirts. His father was a choir leader, and wrote cantorial music.

Bloom attended Marshall High School. At 14 years old he left school to help support his family. He learned to be a cigar roller. Bloom met his wife, Ruth, when he was 13 1/2 and married her seven years later. "All my life I wanted an education," Bloom said, "I tried to teach myself."

He worked at various jobs from 14 until he was president of his own company, Service Tile.

At 51 he retired and came to California with his wife, where his parents and a brother lived in 1961. "It (retirement) was the toughest work I had ever done." Stated

Bloom. So when companies asked him to do consulting work, he was delighted. Bloom has been a consultant for carpet companies, sales manager, V.P. for several companies.

In 1990, when Ruth passed away and his children told him to go to college. "But I didn't have a high school diploma, because I dropped out to go to work." Bloom said, "So, I called the Board of Education to find out how to get a GED." He was referred a study course, and bought a book to teach him the subjects that were on the test.

Bloom studied four weeks and took the exam in two Saturdays. He passed every subject. It was then that he came to Valley College and enrolled in classes.

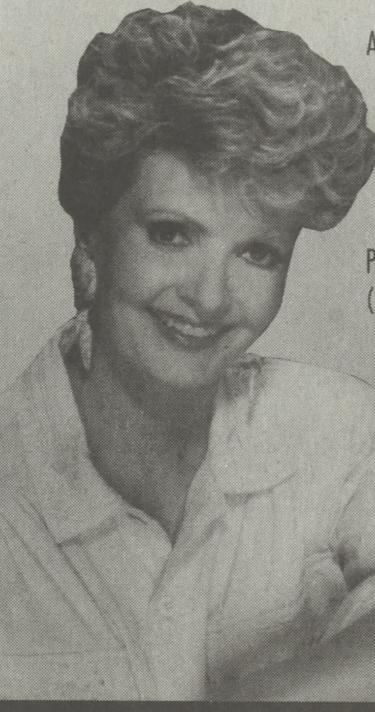
Bloom does not look like the other students. Aside from his age, he wears a suit and tie. "I almost left, when I saw how different I was," said Bloom, "I didn't think I fit in but I stayed and got hooked!"

"I studied with the best!" Bloom says of his community college education. "Most of my professors are my friends!" Marvin Zuckerman, Chair of English Department described Bloom as

"warm, loving, human being." Jim Marteney, Critical Thinking Instructor, enjoyed "his passion for learning."

Bloom feels an obligation to this college. After graduation he says that he has several options. Foremost is he would like to work for or help Valley College. He looks at this campus as a business. He would like to work out some solutions to campus problems. "Maybe I could help create a purposeful fund to help poor students." He pondered, "something to supplement already available assistance, and expand."

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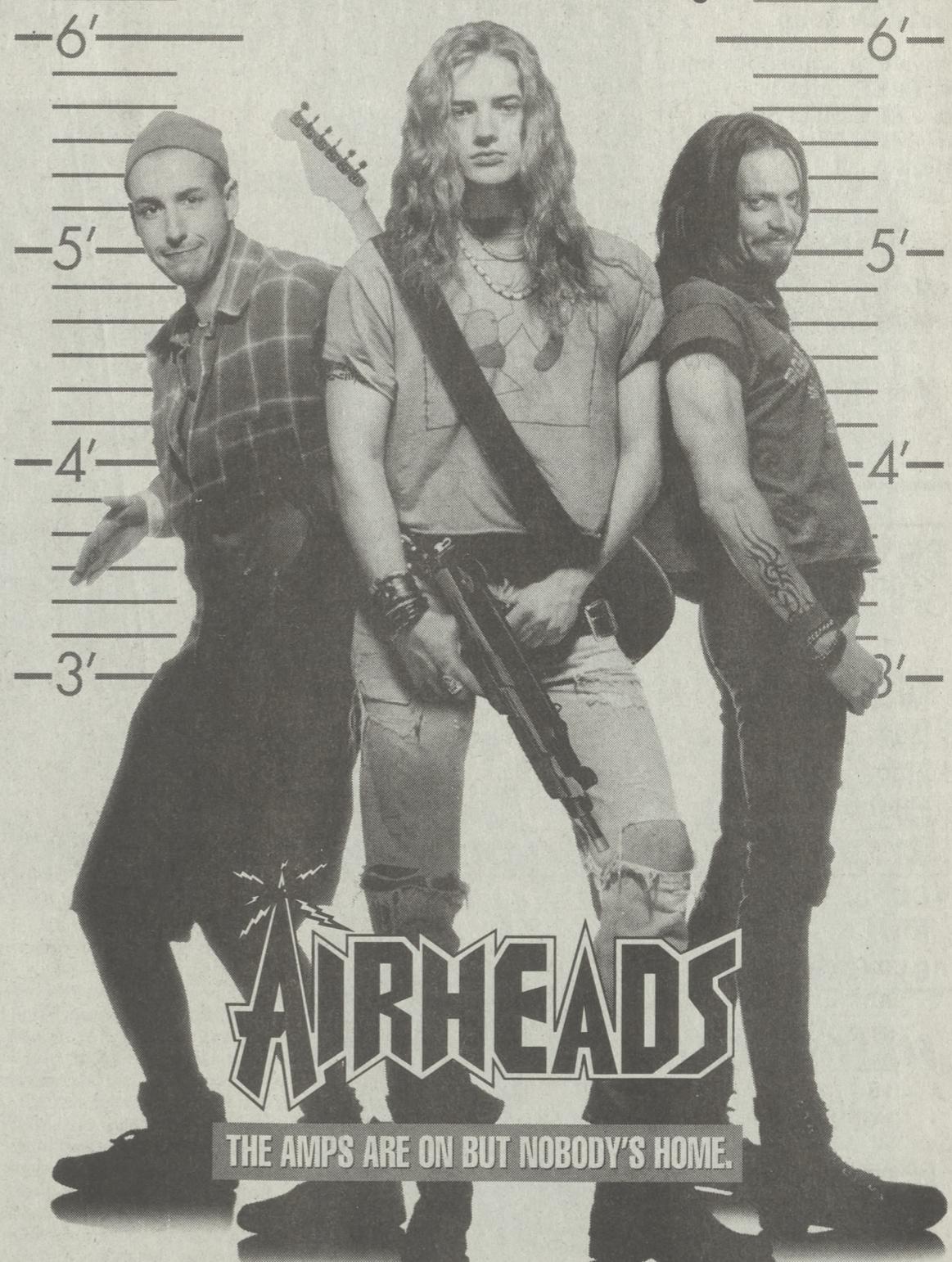
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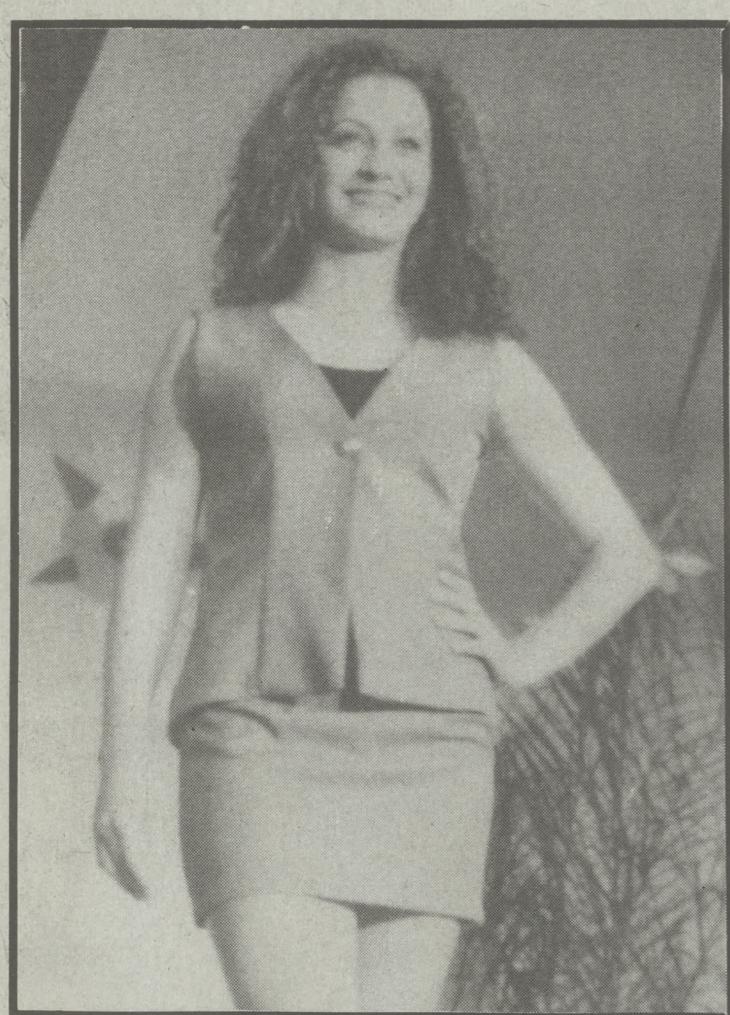
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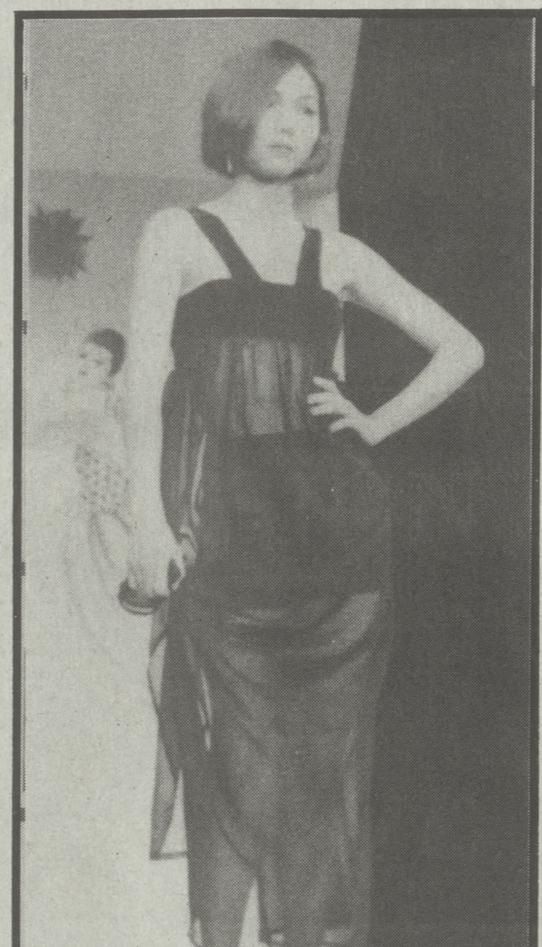
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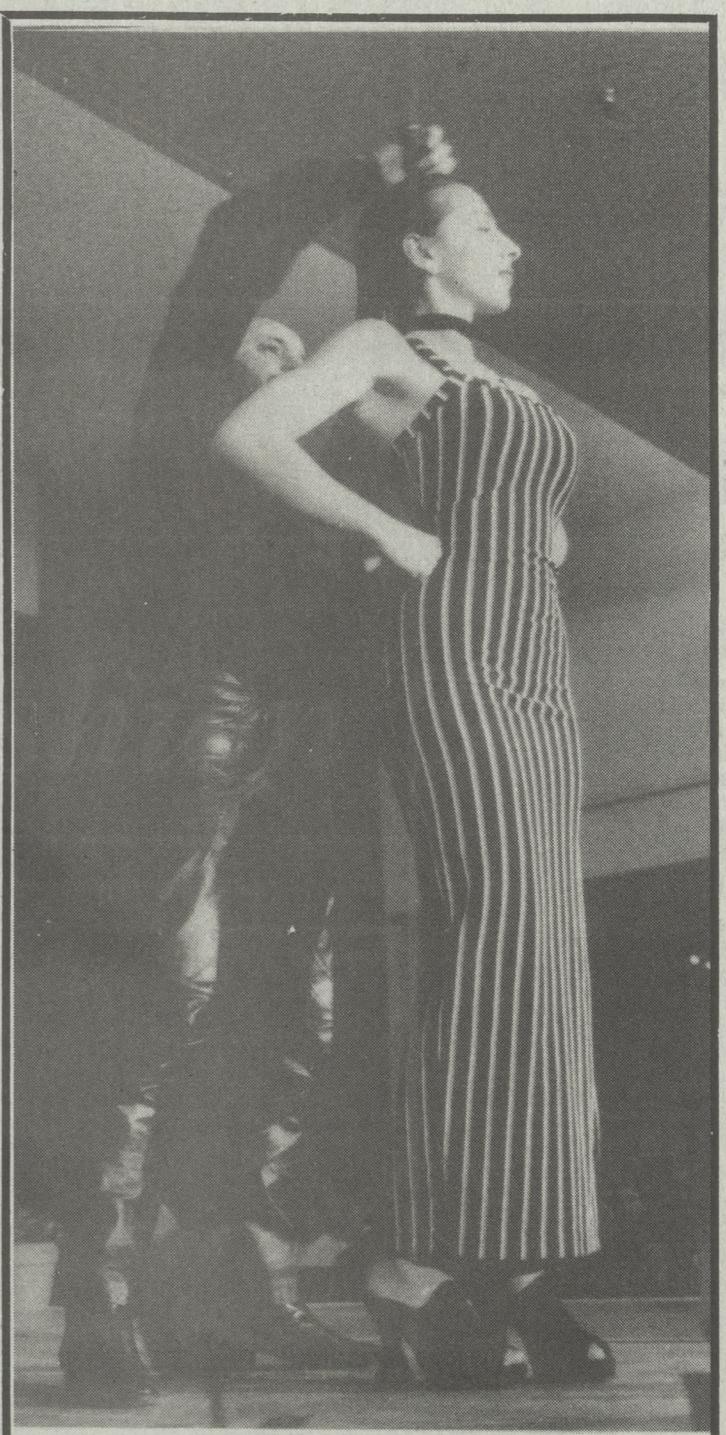
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Swimmer wins up stream battle to make All-American

By JEANETTE GOLDBERG
Valley Star Staff Writer

She qualified for the State Finals, only after returning to swimming last fall. Shany Myers is one of only four State Finalists from Valley.

Myers placed 9th in the 50 yard

butterfly and 14th in the 50 yard freestyle in the State. Myers also made All-American in the 50 butterfly event, with one of the top 16 fastest times in the nation.

Myers got back into sports after dislocating both of her shoulders in separate car accidents. Until that time Myers had athletic schol-

ships from Hawaii Loa and Loyola Mary Mount.

Due to Myers' injuries her work-out is shortened to only one hour a

day and she lifts weights to improve her endurance for swimming.

On a physical therapy program

Myers signed-up for Valley's Swim Team.

As well as swimming Myers carries 15 units and has a GPA of 3.76. Her major is Sociology. Af-

ter graduation she hopes to attend the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Southern California or Loyola Mary Mount.

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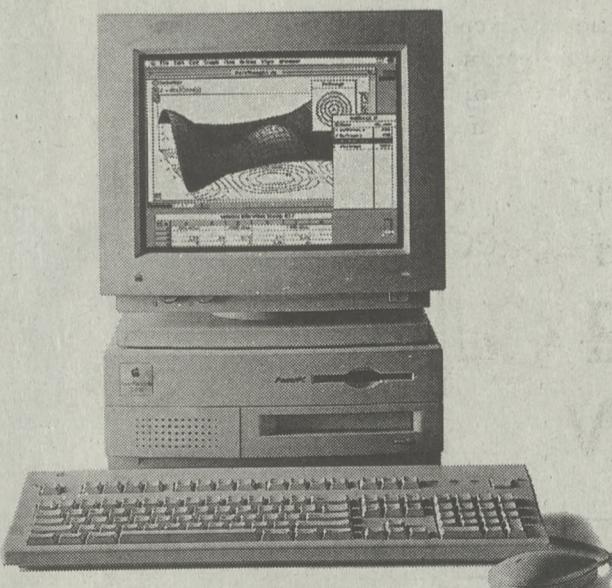
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